

Now, let it be very clear, there are a number of school districts in my congressional district, and I salute them all and the teachers and students; but in this instance, over the past couple of months, there was a question of, on opening day, would six or seven schools of HISD be closed.

I always went throughout the community to the meetings when I was in the district, and the refrain was: The schools will not be closed.

I am an optimist. I believe in our children and our teachers. And on August 27, a few days before, the TEA had indicated that the test that the children take, the scores that came out in early August, that they had passed, and the schools that were in jeopardy of closing were not going to close, and others had been given an extension because of the devastation of Hurricane Harvey and the complete displacement of our children.

So on that opening day of August 27, I went to four or five of my schools. I went with the mayor and the school board members, and I thanked them and our great school superintendent, because a lot of the work attributed to their success, TEA noted it was the great superintendent that we have in HISD. And I believe we should keep her. She is doing an excellent job.

Congratulations to the children, the teachers, the school district, because our children are our most precious resource.

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HONORING THE MEMORY OF COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR TIMOTHY A. BOLYARD

(Mr. MCKINLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MCKINLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Command Sergeant Major Timothy Bolyard who lost his life this past Monday in the line of duty in the Logar province in Afghanistan.

A native of Thornton, West Virginia, Sergeant Major Bolyard was a decorated soldier with 24 years of service. He had received numerous recognitions for his dedicated service, including, among others, six Bronze Star Medals, two with valor; four Meritorious Service Medals; six Army Commendation Medals; 9 Army Achievement Medals.

This was Sergeant Major Bolyard's seventh deployment. His tours have included Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Qatar, and Albania.

Yesterday, the State flags in West Virginia were flown at half-mast in his honor.

Mr. Speaker, we grieve with Sergeant Major Bolyard's family and are keeping them in our thoughts and prayers.

To Command Sergeant Major Bolyard, we thank you for your service and sacrifice. You, sir, were truly an American hero, an inspiration, and we will always honor your memory.

PROTECTING RELIGIOUSLY AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS ACT OF 2018

Mrs. HANDEL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (S. 994) to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for the protection of community centers with religious affiliation, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 994

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Protecting Religiously Affiliated Institutions Act of 2018".

SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF COMMUNITY CENTERS WITH RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION.

Section 247 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(2), by inserting after "threat of force," the following: "including by threat of force against religious real property,";

(2) in subsection (d)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting "or (c)" after "subsection (a)";

(B) in paragraph (3), by striking "and" at the end;

(C) by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (5); and

(D) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following:

"(4) if damage to or destruction of property results from the acts committed in violation of this section, which damage to or destruction of such property is in an amount that exceeds \$5,000, a fine in accordance with this title, imprisonment for not more than 3 years, or both; and"; and

(3) in subsection (f), by inserting before the period at the end the following: ", or real property owned or leased by a nonprofit, religiously affiliated organization".

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND SECURITY ACT OF 2018

Mrs. HANDEL. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1051, I call up the bill (H.R. 6691) to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the definition of "crime of violence", and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1051, the bill is considered read.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6691

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Community Safety and Security Act of 2018".

SEC. 2. CRIME OF VIOLENCE.

Section 16 of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 16. CRIME OF VIOLENCE DEFINED.

"(a) The term 'crime of violence' means an offense—

"(1)(A) that—

"(i) is murder, voluntary manslaughter, assault, sexual abuse or aggravated sexual abuse, abusive sexual contact, child abuse, kidnapping, robbery, carjacking, firearms use, burglary, arson, extortion, communication of threats, coercion, fleeing, interference with flight crew members and attendants, domestic violence, hostage taking, stalking, human trafficking, piracy, or a terrorism offense as described in chapter 113B (other than in section 2332d); or

"(ii) involves the unlawful possession or use of a weapon of mass destruction; or

"(B) that involves use or unlawful possession of explosives or destructive devices described in 5845(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

"(2) that has as an element the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against the person or property of another; or

"(3) that is an attempt to commit, conspiracy to commit, solicitation to commit, or aiding and abetting any of the offenses set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2).

"(b) In this section:

"(1) The term 'abusive sexual contact' means conduct described in section 2244(a)(1) and (a)(2).

"(2) The terms 'aggravated sexual abuse' and 'sexual abuse' mean conduct described in sections 2241 and 2242. For purposes of such conduct, the term 'sexual act' means conduct described in section 2246(2), or the knowing and lewd exposure of genitalia or masturbation, to any person, with an intent to abuse, humiliate, harass, degrade, or arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person.

"(3) The term 'assault' means conduct described in section 113(a), and includes conduct committed recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally.

"(4) The term 'arson' means conduct described in section 844(i) or unlawfully or willfully damaging or destroying any building, inhabited structure, vehicle, vessel, or real property by means of fire or explosive.

"(5) The term 'burglary' means an unlawful or unprivileged entry into, or remaining in, a building or structure, including any nonpermanent or mobile structure that is adapted or used for overnight accommodation or for the ordinary carrying on of business, and, either before or after entering, the person—

"(A) forms the intent to commit a crime; or

"(B) commits or attempts to commit a crime.

"(6) The term 'carjacking' means conduct described in section 2119, or the unlawful taking of a motor vehicle from the immediate actual possession of a person against his will, by means of actual or threatened force, or violence or intimidation, or by sudden or stealthy seizure or snatching, or fear of injury.

"(7) The term 'child abuse' means the unlawful infliction of physical injury or the commission of any sexual act against a child under fourteen by any person eighteen years of age or older.

"(8) The term 'communication of threats' means conduct described in section 844(e), or the transmission of any communications containing any threat of use of violence to—

"(A) demand or request for a ransom or reward for the release of any kidnapped person; or

"(B) threaten to kidnap or injure the person of another.

"(9) The term 'coercion' means causing the performance or non-performance of any act